



Carlsbad Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

Crime/Incident:	212.5 P.C. – Robbery x 2, 460(b) P.C. – Commercial Burglary x 2, and 69 P.C. – Threaten Police Officer	Case:	10-6854
Date:	November 1, 2010	Time:	1508
Location:	2626 El Camino Real, 2550 El Camino Real, Carlsbad and 2701 Vista Way, Oceanside		
Suspect 1:	Edward Bernard Power	Age:	58
Suspect 2:	None	Age:	n/a
Victims :	Access Medical , Bank of America, Wells Fargo Bank and Police Officers	Age:	

Summary:

On Monday, 11/01/10, at approximately 1508 hours, POWER entered the Access Medical offices at 2626 El Camino Real and presented a demand note for cash. The receptionist at this location told POWER that they did not have cash on hand and POWER exited the business. An employee exited after him and identified his vehicle as a Chrysler PT Cruiser bearing CA/6ATJ606.

At approximately 1515 hours, POWER entered the Bank of America located at 2550 El Camino Real, approximately one block north of the previous location. In this bank, POWER had a verbal confrontation with one of the employees, and then waited in line for a teller. POWER handed over a demand note and told the teller that he had a gun. The teller began to tell other employees that she was being robbed and they moved away from POWER. He hesitated in the bank, then exited and fled in the Chrysler.

At 1526 hours, POWER entered the Wells Fargo Bank at 2701 Vista Way, in the City of Oceanside and immediately approached a teller and told her that it was a robbery. He presented the demand note, lifted his shirt to reveal a handle of a dark colored semi-automatic pistol. The teller received an unknown amount of cash and told the teller that he was "that bandit". A supervisor reported him saying, "I'm the Geezer Bandit", but that has not been confirmed. POWER fled in the Chrysler.

Carlsbad officers had heard the call on the radio and established surveillance on POWER's residence at 3665 # F Village Circle, in Carlsbad. POWER arrived and entered the residence. As officers were forming a perimeter, POWER and his female acquaintance exited the residence and were detained. POWER was arrested and his companion was taken into custody as a witness. Both were transported to the Carlsbad Police Dept. POWER was processed for evidence and was subsequently transported by ambulance to Tri-City Hospital for examination for previous, unrelated medical issues. His companion was released after it was determined that she was not part of the crimes.

POWER will be booked for the listed robbery charges as well as 69 P.C. for threatening officers lives while in custody.

Preliminary investigation by Carlsbad Police, Oceanside Police and the FBI indicate that POWER is probably not related to the Geezer Bandit series. Oceanside will book for charges related to their jurisdiction.

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